

BILL NO. 93-68

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

AS AMENDED

BILL NO. 93-68 (as amended)

Introduced by Council Member Heselton

Legislative Day No. 93-23

Date September 14, 1993

AN ACT to add new Section 193-8, Noise in Residential Areas, to Article II, Offenses Against Public Peace, Safety and Morals, of Chapter 193, Peace and Good Order, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to prohibit certain noises in certain areas during specified hours; to establish certain exceptions to this prohibition; to establish fines for violating this prohibition; and generally relating to noise.

By the Council, September 14, 1993

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: October 12, 1993

at: 7:30 p.m.

By Order: James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on October 12, 1993, and concluded on, October 12, 1993

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford  
2 County, Maryland, That new Section 193-8, Noise in Residential  
3 Areas, be, and it is hereby, added to Article II, Offenses Against  
4 Public Peace, Safety and Morals, of Chapter 193, Peace and Good  
5 Order, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as  
6 follows:

7 Chapter 193. Peace and Good Order.

8 Article II. Offenses Against Public Peace, Safety and Morals.

9 SECTION 193-8. NOISE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

10 ~~A. A PERSON SHALL NOT MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE MADE ANY NOISE BETWEEN~~  
11 ~~THE HOURS OF 11:00 P.M. AND 6:00 A.M. THAT IS AUDIBLE ON ANY~~  
12 ~~PROPERTY USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, IF THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED~~  
13 ~~MORE THAN 50 FEET FROM THE SOURCE OF THE NOISE.~~

14 A. A PERSON SHALL NOT MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE MADE BETWEEN THE HOURS  
15 OF 11:00 P.M. AND 6:00 A.M. ANY NOISE PRODUCED VOCALLY, WITH ANY  
16 RADIO RECEIVING SET, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, PHONOGRAPH, ANY DEVICE  
17 INTENDED FOR THE PRODUCTION OR REPRODUCTION OF SOUND, OR ANY  
18 HOUSEHOLD TOOL OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, IF THE NOISE IS  
19 AUDIBLE ON ANY PROPERTY THAT IS USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND  
20 IS LOCATED MORE THAN 50 FEET FROM THE SOURCE OF THE NOISE.

21 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO NOISE RESULTING FROM:

22 (1) THE ~~EMERGENCY~~ OPERATIONS OF A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY AS  
23 DEFINED IN ARTICLE 78 §2(O) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND;

24 (2) THE OPERATIONS OF AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE FEDERAL  
25 GOVERNMENT, STATE GOVERNMENT, OR COUNTY GOVERNMENT;

26 (3) THE OPERATIONS OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE AND AMBULANCE COMPANY  
27 ~~WHEN RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION; OR COMPANY;~~

1 (4) THE OPERATION OF FARM ~~EQUIPMENT.~~ EQUIPMENT; OR

2 (5) THE OPERATIONS OF A BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL FACILITY,  
3 PROVIDED THAT THE NOISE IS NOT PRODUCED FROM A SOURCE AS DEFINED  
4 IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

5 C. A PERSON WHO FAILS TO STOP MAKING OR CAUSING TO BE MADE ANY  
6 NOISE THAT VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AFTER HAVING  
7 BEEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, SHALL BE  
8 SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE.

9 D. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
10 LIABLE FOR A CIVIL FINE IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT:

11 (1) \$250 FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION;

12 (2) \$500 FOR THE SECOND VIOLATION; AND

13 (3) \$1000 FOR A THIRD VIOLATION AND EACH SUBSEQUENT  
14 VIOLATION.

15 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, That this Act shall take  
16 effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

17 EFFECTIVE: January 31, 1994  
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HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 93-68 (as amended)

(Brief Title) Noise Ordinance

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary  
of the Council

[Signature]  
President of the Council

Date November 16, 1993

Date November 16, 1993

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 93-31 (November 16, 1993)

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 18th day of November, 1993 at 3:00 p. m.



James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Giles M. Lehman  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date December 2, 1993

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 93-68, as amended), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on December 2, 1993.

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 31, 1994

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